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Memorandum



To : SAC, MIAMI (58A-MM-NEW) (PC-1) (P)

Date 2/25/93

From : SA [REDACTED]

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Subject: RONALD H. BROWN, AKA
Ron Brown;
UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF COMMERCE;
CORRUPTION OF FEDERAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS -
EXECUTIVE BRANCH;
HOBBS ACT - EXTORTION;
OO:MM

The SAC is requested to approve the initiation of a full investigation into allegations relating to possible corruption and Hobbs Act violations which may have been committed by U.S. Secretary of Commerce RONALD H. BROWN. The purpose of this memo is to provide a brief description of the allegations. A detailed LHM will follow.

On 2/20/93, the Miami Office received information from a confidential source that [REDACTED] was making allegations of corruption involving BROWN. On 2/21/93 [REDACTED] was interviewed and advised [REDACTED]

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On 2/22/93, [REDACTED] was interviewed regarding this matter. [REDACTED]

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All logical leads and interviews which result from
interview will be pursued.

Andrew J. Druffin

SAC COMMENTS/APPROVAL

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Date of transcription 02/23/93

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] was contacted at her residence. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, [redacted] immediately indicated that she was aware the Agents wanted to question her regarding the "RON BROWN matter". [redacted] proceeded to furnish the following information:

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by SSA [redacted] SA [redacted] Date dictated 02/23/93

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[redacted]
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[redacted] was contacted at
[redacted] by Special Agents (SA)
[redacted] and [redacted] After being advised
of the identities of the interviewing agents and of the nature of
the interview, he provided the following information:

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SA [redacted] MWL/mwl Date dictated 2/23/93

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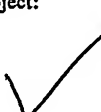


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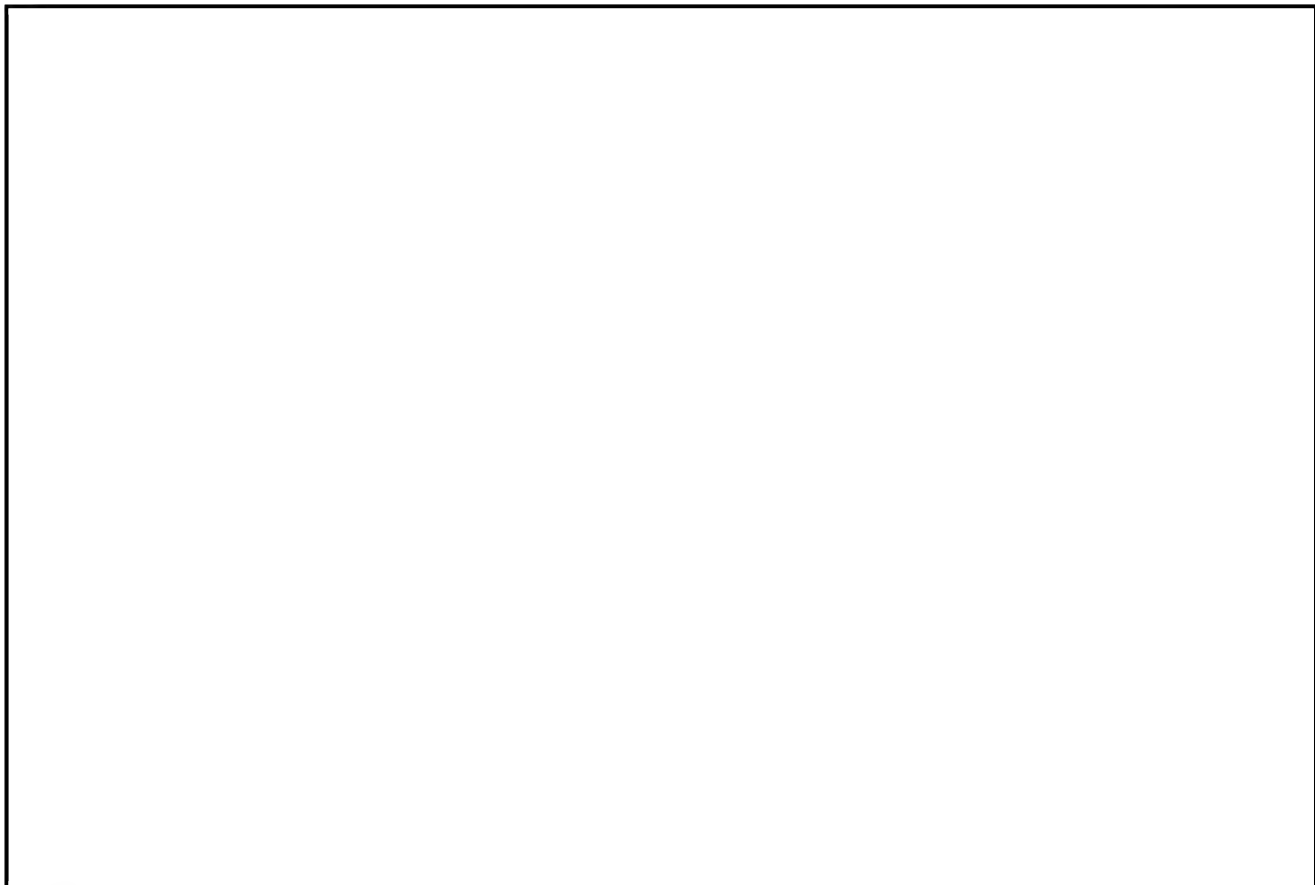
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From : SA [REDACTED] (D-1)

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Subject:  RONALD BROWN
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OO: MIAMI

For information of the SAC, Miami, On 2/20/93, a confidential source of proven reliability was contacted by the reporting agent and provided the following information:



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Date 8/19/93

- ☒ General Evidence ☐ Drug Evidence ☐ Valuable Evidence
☐ Special Handling Requirement (i.e., FBI Lab Instructions Re Body Fluid Stains, Whole Blood, etc.)

Title and Character of Case

FILE NO. 58A-MM-62892

RONALD H. BROWN,
AKA RON BROWN;
U.S. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE;
CFPO - EXECUTIVE

OO: MM

Date Acquired

8/17/93

Acquired From:

Federal Grand Jury (AUSA [redacted])

To Be Returned
☒ Yes ☐ No

See Serial

Acquiring Agent

SA [redacted]

Case Agent

SA [redacted]

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☒ Yes ☐ No Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

☐ Yes ☒ No Property To Be Forfeited To The U.S. Government

Description of Property (Be Specific)

See attached.

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to owner
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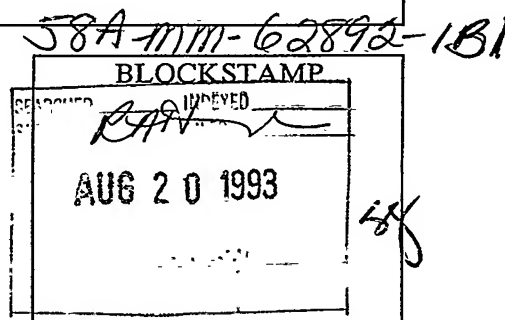
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Date 8/26/93

☒ General Evidence ☐ Drug Evidence ☐ Valuable Evidence

☐ Special Handling Requirement (i.e., FBI Lab Instructions Re Body Fluid Stains, Whole Blood, etc.)

Title and Character of Case

RONALD H. BROWN
AKA RON BROWN
US SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
CFPO - EXECUTIVE BRANCH.
Hobbs Act.

FILE NO. 58A-mm-62892

OO: MM

Date Acquired

8/24/93

Acquired From:

[Redacted]

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To Be Returned
☒ Yes ☐ No

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Acquiring Agent

SA

[Redacted]

Case Agent

SA

[Redacted]

☐ Yes ☒ No Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

☐ Yes ☒ No Property To Be Forfeited To The U.S. Government

Description of Property (Be Specific)

- 69 files
- 2 wire less notebooks
- 1 black loose-leaf notebook

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- ☒ General Evidence ☐ Drug Evidence ☐ Valuable Evidence
☐ Special Handling Requirement (i.e., FBI Lab Instructions Re Body Fluid Stains, Whole Blood, etc.)

Title and Character of Case

RONALD H. BROWN
CFPO - EXECUTIVE
HOBBS ACT

FILE NO. 58A-MM-62892

OO: MM

Date Acquired

8/31/93

Acquired From:

FEDERAL GRAND JURY (AUSA

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To Be Returned
☒ Yes ☐ No

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Acquiring Agent

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Case Agent

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☒ Yes ☐ No Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

☐ Yes ☒ No Property To Be Forfeited To The U.S. Government

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- ☒ General Evidence ☐ Drug Evidence ☐ Valuable Evidence
☐ Special Handling Requirement (i.e., FBI Lab Instructions Re Body Fluid Stains, Whole Blood, etc.)

Title and Character of Case

RONALD H. BROWN
CFPO - EXECUTIVE
HOBBS ACT

FILE NO. 58A-MM-62892

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Date Acquired

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Acquired From:

FEDERAL GRAND JURY (AUSA

To Be Returned
☒ Yes ☐ No

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Acquiring Agent

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Case Agent

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☒ Yes ☐ No Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

☐ Yes ☒ No Property To Be Forfeited To The U.S. Government

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- ☒ General Evidence ☐ Drug Evidence ☐ Valuable Evidence
- ☐ Special Handling Requirement (i.e., FBI Lab Instructions Re Body Fluid Stains, Whole Blood, etc.)

Title and Character of Case

RONALD H. BROWN
CFPO - EXECUTIVE BRANCH

FILE NO. 58A-MM-62892

OO: MM

Date Acquired

9-22-93

Acquired From:

[REDACTED], DOJ, PARALEGAL SECRETARY

To Be Returned
☒ Yes ☐ No

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Acquiring Agent

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☐ Yes ☒ No Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

☐ Yes ☒ No Property To Be Forfeited To The U.S. Government

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Date 2/24/93

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CITE: //3460//

SUBJECT: RONALD H. BROWN, AKA RON BROWN; UNITED STATES
 SECRETARY OF COMMERCE; CORRUPTION OF FEDERAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS
 (CFPO) - EXECUTIVE BRANCH; HOBBS ACT - EXTORTION; OO:MM.

ON FEBRUARY 22, 1993 [REDACTED] ALLEGED
 THAT COMMERCE SECRETARY RON BROWN MAY HAVE RECEIVED A PAYOFF
 FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO FAVORABLY INFLUENCE U.S. TRADE POLICY
 FOR THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THE SOURCE ALLEGED THAT

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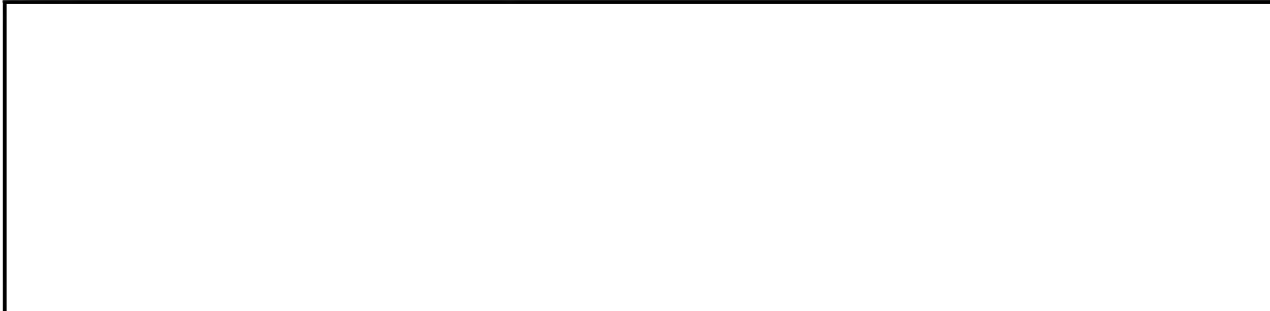
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THE SOURCE HAS AGREED TO SUBMIT TO A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE MIAMI OFFICE ON FEBRUARY 25, 1993.

FOR INFORMATION, MIAMI HAS DETERMINED THAT RON BROWN WAS NOMINATED AS SECRETARY OF COMMERCE ON DECEMBER 12, 1992 AND SWORN-IN ON JANUARY 21, 1993. ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE,



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A DETAILED SUMMARY TELETYPE CONCERNING THIS MATTER WILL FOLLOW.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, MIAMI (58A-0)

Date 2/25/93

From : SA [REDACTED] (PC-1)

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✓ Subject: RONALD H. BROWN,
AKA RON BROWN;
UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF COMMERCE;
CORRUPTION OF FEDERAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS -
EXECUTIVE BRANCH;
HOBBS ACT - EXTORTION
OO: MIAMI

Authority is requested to conduct a polygraph
examination of [REDACTED]
concerning allegations he made in captioned matter.

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PASS: SSA [REDACTED] PUBLIC CORRUPTION UNIT.

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 SECRETARY OF COMMERCE; CORRUPTION OF FEDERAL PUBLIC
 OFFICIALS - EXECUTIVE BRANCH; HOBBS ACT - EXTORTION; OO:MM.

RE MIAMI TELETYPE DATED FEBRUARY 24, 1993.

ON FEBRUARY 20, 1993, A RELIABLE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IN
 THE MIAMI OFFICE ADVISED THE FBI THAT [REDACTED]

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PASS: WHITE COLLAR CRIME SECTION, PUBLIC CORRUPTION UNIT, SSA

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 SECRETARY OF COMMERCE; CORRUPTION OF FEDERAL PUBLIC
 OFFICIALS - EXECUTIVE BRANCH; HOBBS ACT - EXTORTION; OO:MM.

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED FEBRUARY 25, 1993.

PURPOSE: THIS IS TO APPRISE THE BUREAU OF PERTINENT
 DEVELOPMENTS IN CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION SINCE FEBRUARY 25,
 1993. ON FEBRUARY 25, 1993, THE COOPERATING WITNESS (CW) WAS
 GIVEN A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION BY THE MIAMI OFFICE. [REDACTED]

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 SECRETARY OF COMMERCE; CORRUPTION OF FEDERAL PUBLIC
 OFFICIALS - EXECUTIVE BRANCH; HOBBS ACT - EXTORTION; OO:MM.

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED MARCH 3, 1993.

PURPOSE: BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE
 COOPERATING WITNESS AND IN FURTHERANCE OF THE CAPTIONED
 INVESTIGATION, THE MIAMI DIVISION REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO OBTAIN
 THE FOLLOWING:

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BUREAU AUTHORIZATION FOR COURT ORDER TRAP AND TRACES IN
MIAMI FOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

A GRAND JURY SUBPOENA FOR ANY AND ALL RECORDS RELATING TO

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE SUBPOENA SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

A GRAND JURY SUBPOENA FOR ANY AND ALL RECORDS RELATING TO

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A GRAND JURY SUBPOENA FOR ANY AND ALL RECORDS RELATING TO

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SOURCE BELIEVES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE GRAND JURY SUBPOENA SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THAT
ADDRESS.

ALSO, THE MIAMI DIVISION REQUESTS THAT THE BUREAU ADVISE
OF THE RESULTS OF THE SUBPOENA SERVED ON [REDACTED]

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INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING.

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[redacted]
[redacted] subsequent to a United States District Court, District
of Columbia Federal Grand Jury Subpoena provided all records
relating to any [redacted]
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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 3/10/93

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Date 3/11/93

FM FBI MIAMI (58A-MM-62892) (PC-1) (P)

TO DIRECTOR FBI/ROUTINE/

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CITE: //3460//

SUBJECT: ✓ RONALD H. BROWN, AKA RON BROWN; UNITED STATES
 SECRETARY OF COMMERCE; CORRUPTION OF FEDERAL PUBLIC
 OFFICIALS - EXECUTIVE BRANCH; HOBBS ACT - EXTORTION; OO:MM.

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED FEBRUARY 25, 1993
 AND MIAMI TELCALL TO SSA [REDACTED] ON MARCH 2, 1992.

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PURPOSE: BUREAU AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO UTILIZE AN
 ELECTRONIC DEVICE TO MONITOR AND/OR RECORD PRIVATE

CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN A COOPERATING WITNESS (CW) [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] AND OTHERS YET UNKNOWN IN CONNECTION WITH A
 PUBLIC CORRUPTION MATTER FOR A PERIOD OF 30 DAYS. TELEPHONIC
 AUTHORITY WAS GRANTED IN REFERENCED TELCALL.

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DETAILS: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) APPROVAL IS
REQUIRED BECAUSE THE INTERCEPTION RELATES TO AN INVESTIGATION
OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AT EXECUTIVE LEVEL IV OR
ABOVE.

MIAMI PRINCIPAL LEGAL ADVISOR [REDACTED] HAS
REVIEWED THIS COMMUNICATION FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY.

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A COOPERATING WITNESS HAS ALLEGED THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] A CONSENSUAL RECORDING [REDACTED] SHOULD BE MADE
PRIOR TO [REDACTED] TO

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

MIAMI INTENDS TO CONSENSUALLY MONITOR ANY AND ALL

[REDACTED] AND POSSIBLY OTHERS

CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

[REDACTED]

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THE DEVICES WILL BE UTILIZED ONLY IN THE PRESENCE OF THE
CONSENTING PARTY. THE CW HAS EXECUTED AN FD-473 AND IS
WILLING TO TESTIFY IF NECESSARY.

USA'S OPINION: STEVE CHAYKIN, CHIEF, CENTRAL CRIMINAL
DIVISION, UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, SOUTHERN DISTRICT
OF FLORIDA, HAS BEEN ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER.
HE CONCURS WITH THE USE OF THE RECORDING EQUIPMENT AND SEES NO
ENTRAPMENT PROBLEMS UNDER THE GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCES.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MIAMI HAS ARRANGED FOR A WMFO

AGENT [REDACTED]

ASSIST IN THE IMMEDIATE TRANSCRIPTION OF ANY RECORDINGS MADE.

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EMERGENCY AUTHORITY WAS GRANTED BY SAC ANDREW J. DUFFIN ON
MARCH 2, 1993.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, MIAMI (58A-MM-62892) (PC-1) (P) Date 3/9/93

From : SA [REDACTED]

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Subject: ✓ RONALD H. BROWN, AKA RON BROWN;
UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF COMMERCE;
CFPO - EXECUTIVE BRANCH;
HOBBS ACT - EXTORTION;
OO: MIAMI

Captioned investigation concerns possible corrupt activities by [REDACTED] and RON BROWN which involve the government of Vietnam. Based on subpoenaed toll records, the following [REDACTED] numbers were called from [REDACTED]

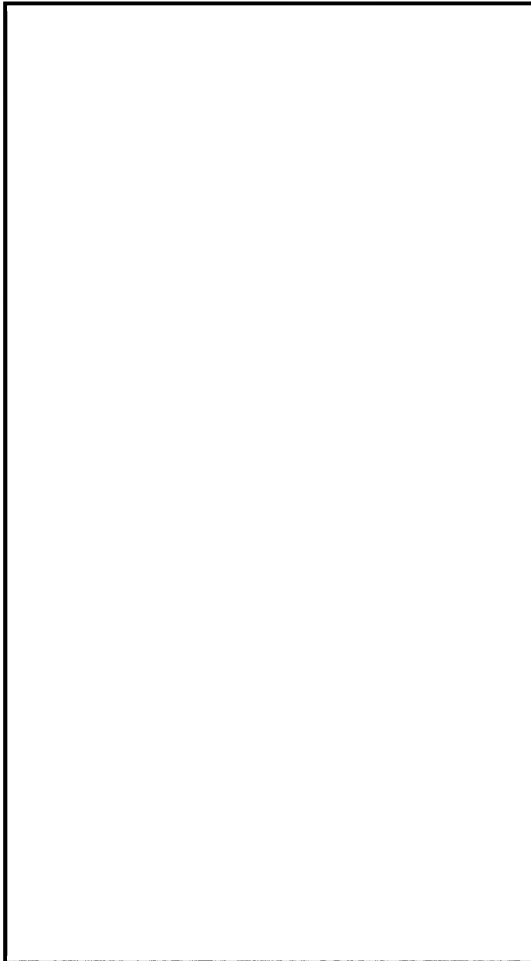
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Lead: A Miami IA is requested to obtain subscriber information, if published, for the above listed telephone numbers.

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The following investigation was conducted by
Investigative Assistant [redacted] on March 10, 1993.

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The 1992 MIAMI BRESSER's reflects the following
subscriber information:



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The 1992 CROSS REFERENCE DIRECTORY for Fort Lauderdale
and vicinity reflects the following subscriber information:



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The 1992 CROSS REFERENCE DIRECTORY for West Palm Beach and vicinity reflects the following subscriber information:

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The 1992 CROSS REFERENCE DIRECTORY for Boynton Beach and vicinity reflects the following subscriber information:

[REDACTED]

In order to obtain subscriber information for [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] a Federal Grand Jury subpoena
should be issued to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] directed to the attention
of [REDACTED]

In order to obtain subscriber information for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a Federal
Grand Jury subpoena should be issued to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
directed to the attention of [REDACTED]

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Memorandum



To : SAC, MIAMI (58A-MM-62892) (PC-1) (P) Date 3/10/93

From : SA [REDACTED]

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Subject: / RONALD H. BROWN,
✓ AKA RON BROWN;
UNITED STATES
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE;
CORRUPTION OF FEDERAL PUBLIC
OFFICIALS - EXECUTIVE BRANCH;
HOBBS ACT - EXTORTION;
OO: MM

SAC authority is requested to place a pen register
device on telephone numbers [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Investigation has determined that these
telephone numbers are being used to facilitate possible corrupt
activity by [REDACTED] and others.

SYNOPSIS OF INVESTIGATION

A cooperating witness (CW) has alleged that [REDACTED]

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ADMINISTRATIVE;

The CW in this matter is Miami Cooperating Witness [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Supervisor Approval

[Redacted]

Date 3/10/93

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SAC Approval

Andrew J. Ruffin / RHR

Date 3/11/93

Memorandum



To : SAC Miami (58A-MM-62892)

Date 3/15/93

From : *RHW*
ASAC ROGER H. WHEELER

Subject: *RHW*
RONALD H. BROWN,
aka Ron Brown;
ET AL
HOBBS ACT - EXTORTION
OO: MIAMI

This memo will memorialize conversations that I had with Assistant Section Chief TIMOTHY C. DORCH, White Collar Crime Section, FBIHQ, and SSA [redacted] Public Corruption Unit, WCC Section, on 3/1 and 3/2/93.

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On 3/1/93, Assistant Section Chief DORCH and I spoke regarding captioned matter and the obtaining of appropriate authorities for conducting consensually monitored telephone and/or body recorded conversations between consenting party, a [redacted] Assistant Section Chief DORCH advised that Miami Division had telephonic consensual monitoring authority for [redacted] concerning captioned matter which had been granted by Deputy Assistant Director FRED B. VERINDER and Assistant Director LARRY A. POTTS. This authority was granted after significant discussions were held between Headquarters personnel and Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section personnel.

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Assistant Section Chief DORCH further advised that once the consensual monitoring had been completed, Miami was to consult with Headquarters prior to any interview being conducted. He specifically stated that [redacted] [redacted] was not being granted or considered at this time.

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ASC DORCH further advised that all decisions regarding the investigation of this matter were to be made in conjunction with Headquarters personnel and that authority to conduct investigation would be granted by appropriate Headquarters personnel.

At approximately 10:00 p.m. 3/1/93, I contacted ASC DORCH at his residence in the Greater Washington D.C. area and [redacted]

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On 3/2/93 SSA [redacted] telephonically contacted the writer and advised that the appropriate Headquarters authority had been obtained and the requested consensual monitoring could be done as soon as possible.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, MIAMI (58A-MM-62892) (PC-1) (P) Date 3/12/93

From : SA [REDACTED]

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Subject: ✓ RONALD H. BROWN, AKA
Ron Brown;
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE;
CFPO - EXECUTIVE BRANCH;
HOBBS ACT - EXTORTION;
OO:MM

SAC authority is requested for telephonic consensual monitoring and/or recording of conversations between a Cooperating Witness (CW) [REDACTED] and others yet unknown for a period of 60 days, in order to gather evidence in captioned investigation.

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AUSA [REDACTED] has been advised of the circumstances of this investigation and concurs in the use of this technique. AUSA [REDACTED] advised that entrapment would not appear to be a viable defense in this matter.

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Consenting party will execute an FD-472 and has agreed to testify in court in necessary.

SYNOPSIS OF INVESTIGATION

A cooperating witness (CW) has alleged that [REDACTED]

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consensually record the conversation. The purpose of the call
[redacted] (Body recorder authority
has been granted by the Bureau).

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The CW in this matter is Miami Cooperating Witness
[redacted]

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Supervisor Approval SG/ [signature] PC-1

Date 03/15/93

SAC Approval Andrew J. Bluffin/ [signature]

Date 3/15/93

Ad authority for body recorder noted in
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Date 3/18/93

FM FBI MIAMI (58A-MM-62892) (PC-1) (P)

TO DIRECTOR FBI/ROUTINE/

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CITE: //3460//

PASS: TECHNICAL SERVICE DIVISION, RICHARD JOHNSON.

SUBJECT: RONALD H. BROWN, AKA RON BROWN; UNITED STATES
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE; CORRUPTION OF FEDERAL PUBLIC
OFFICIALS - EXECUTIVE BRANCH; HOBBS ACT - EXTORTION; OO:MM.

RE TELCALL FROM SSA TO MIAMI ON MARCH 17,
1991.

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

THE TECHNICAL SERVICE SQUAD IN MIAMI REQUESTS ASSISTANCE
FROM THE TECHNICAL SERVICE DIVISION IN THE INSTALLATION OF A

FOR USE IN A CONSENSUALLY
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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

P. O. Box 592418, MIA
Miami, Florida 33159
March 19, 1993

Honorable Janet Reno
United States Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Attention: [redacted]
Chief, Public Integrity Section

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RE: RONALD H. BROWN
UNITED STATES SECRETARY
OF COMMERCE;
CORRUPTION OF FEDERAL
PUBLIC OFFICIAL -
EXECUTIVE LEVEL;
HOBBS ACT

Dear Ms. Reno:

The purpose of this communication is to confirm Mr.
[redacted] concurrence with the use of telephonic
consensual monitoring as a proper investigative tool in this
investigation. [redacted] does not foresee entrapment as an
issue in this matter.

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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

ANDREW J. DUFFIN
Special Agent in Charge

BY:

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Special Agent in Charge

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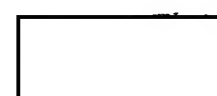
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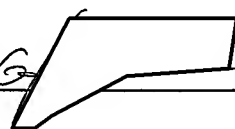
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SUBJECT:  RONALD H. BROWN, AKA RON BROWN; UNITED STATES
 SECRETARY OF COMMERCE; CORRUPTION OF FEDERAL PUBLIC
 OFFICIALS - EXECUTIVE BRANCH; OO:MM.

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED MARCH 11, 1993.

PURPOSE: RENEWAL AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO UTILIZE AN
 ELECTRONIC RECORDING DEVICE TO MONITOR AND/OR RECORD PRIVATE
 CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN A COOPERATING WITNESS (CW),

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 AND OTHERS YET UNKNOWN IN
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CONNECTION WITH A PUBLIC CORRUPTION MATTER FOR A PERIOD OF 30 DAYS.

DETAILS: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) APPROVAL IS REQUIRED BECAUSE THE INTERCEPTION RELATE TO AN INVESTIGATION OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AT EXECUTIVE LEVEL IV OR ABOVE.

A CW HAS ALLEGED THAT

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN A CONSENSUALLY RECORDED TELEPHONE CALL ON [REDACTED]

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MIAMI INTENDS TO CONSENSUALLY MONITOR ANY AND ALL

[REDACTED] AND POSSIBLY OTHERS
CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

[REDACTED]

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THE DEVICES WILL BE UTILIZED ONLY IN THE PRESENCE OF THE
CONSENTING PARTY. THE CW HAS EXECUTED AN FD-473 AND IS
WILLING TO TESTIFY IF NECESSARY.

USA'S OPINION: STEVE CHAYKIN, CHIEF, CENTRAL CRIMINAL
DIVISION, UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, SOUTHERN DISTRICT
OF FLORIDA, HAS BEEN ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER.
HE CONCURS WITH THE USE OF THE RECORDING EQUIPMENT AND SEES NO
ENTRAPMENT PROBLEMS UNDER THE GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCES.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

[REDACTED]

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MIAMI HAS ARRANGED FOR A WMFO

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AGENT,

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ASSIST IN THE IMMEDIATE TRANSCRIPTION OF ANY RECORDINGS MADE.

CURRENT AUTHORITY EXPIRES ON MARCH 31, 1993.

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FM FBI MIAMI (58A-MM-62892) (PC-1) (P)

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PASS: WHITE COLLAR CRIME SECTION, PUBLIC CORRUPTION UNIT, SSA

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 SECRETARY OF COMMERCE; CORRUPTION OF FEDERAL PUBLIC
 OFFICIALS - EXECUTIVE BRANCH; HOBBS ACT - EXTORTION; OO:MM.

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED MARCH 3, 1993.

PURPOSE: THIS IS TO APPRISE THE BUREAU OF PERTINENT
 DEVELOPMENTS IN CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION SINCE MARCH 3, 1993.

ON MARCH 13, 1993, A MIAMI DIVISION SPECIAL AGENT, [REDACTED]

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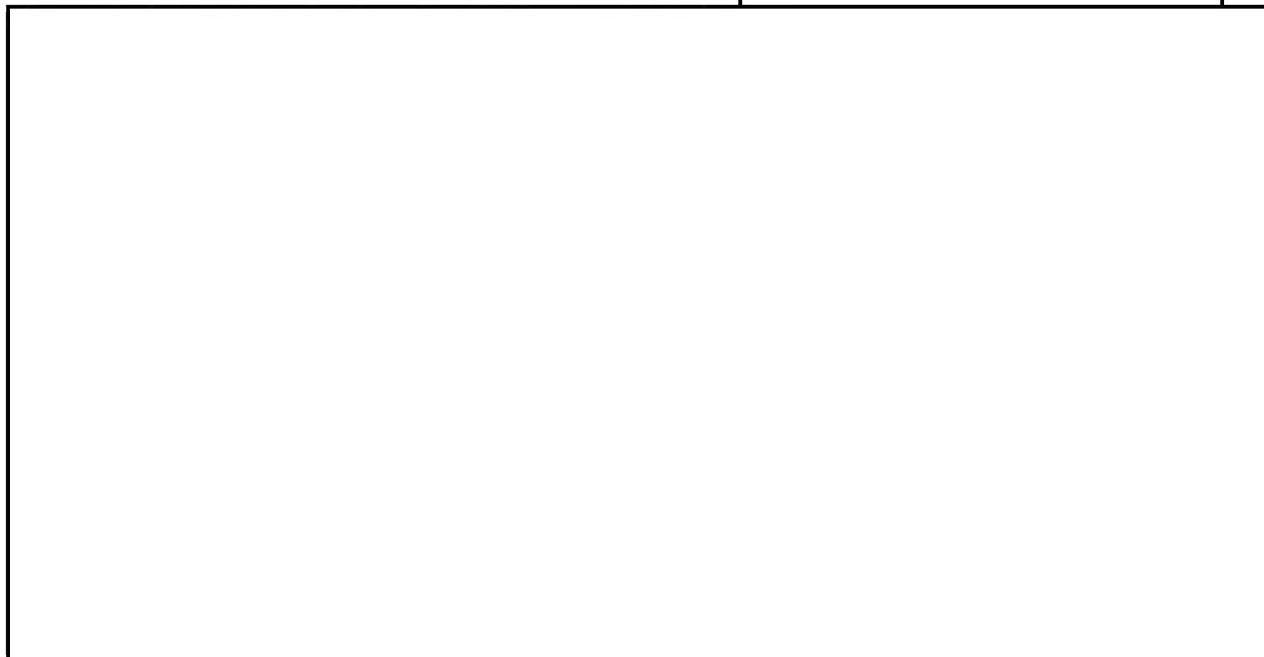
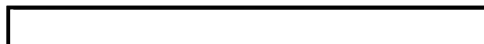
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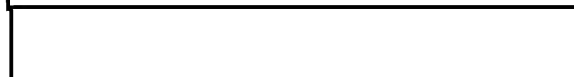


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ON MARCH 21, 1993, THE COOPERATING WITNESS MADE A
CONSENSUALLY RECORDED TELEPHONE CALL



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THIS CONVERSATION WAS RECORDED IN

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[REDACTED] CW MADE A CONSENSUALLY RECORDED

TELEPHONE CALL [REDACTED]

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SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED]

WMFO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO ASSIST IN TRANSCRIBING

RECORDED CONVERSATIONS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

From: SAC, MIAMI (58A-MM-62892) (PC-1) (P)Date: 4/21/93To: DIRECTOR, FBI
Attn: ELSUR IndexSubject: RONALD H. BROWN, AKA RON BROWN;
U.S. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE;
CFPO- EXECUTIVE BRANCH;
OO: MIAMI

_____ Emergency Authority. Re Miami FD-759 to FBIHQ dated 3/2/93
captioned as above.

XXX Routine Authority. Re _____ to FBIHQ
dated _____ and Bu _____ to _____
dated _____ captioned as above.

NOTE: If no confirming communication received from FBIHQ in response to your request for routine use of a nontelephonic consensual monitoring device, mark below:

_____ No confirming communication received from FBIHQ to date.

The following information relates to the use of the equipment:

XXX Its use provided information which corroborated or assisted in corroborating the allegation or suspicion.

_____ It was used, but no information of value was obtained.

_____ It was not used.

(Only one of the above applies)

Complete and submit within 30 days of expiration of each and every period of authorization granted for nontelephonic consensual monitoring by either the SAC, DOJ or FBIHQ-CID (whether an initial or a subsequent authorization), and for each extension or renewal thereof.

Transmit to FBIHQ in a sealed brown envelope labeled "Director, FBI, ELSUR Index, FBIHQ."

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Memorandum



To : SAC, MIAMI (58A-MM-62892)
ATTN: SA [REDACTED]

Date 4/7/93

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From : SAVANNAH INFORMATION RESOURCES CENTER (SIRC)
PUBLIC SOURCE UNIT

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Subject:

REQUEST #2452

Enclosed are copies of Public Source printouts and a questionnaire/reply form. It is requested that this questionnaire/reply form be completed and returned to the SIRC.

Should additional contact be necessary, this request was handled by [REDACTED]

This is a brief synopsis of results of inquiries which were conducted through the Public Source Systems, regarding the above captioned subject.

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Query of [REDACTED] revealed most recent credit inquiry occurred on 1/93 at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Address update located no new address. [REDACTED]
is also using the same SSAN as subject.

All other searches were negative.

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①. 58 Squad Supervisor
1. [REDACTED]
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Memorandum



To : SAC, MIAMI (58A-MM-62892) (P) (PC-1) Date 4/11/93

From : SA [REDACTED]

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Subject: ✓ RONALD H. BROWN;
CFPO-EXECUTIVE;
HOBBS ACT;
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[REDACTED] The purpose of this memo is to request payment of [REDACTED] (includes \$3.00 bank money order fee) in [REDACTED] line charges. These lines are being utilized to maintain pen register equipment associated with captioned matter. (X) ✓

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Date Invoice Rec'd.
Date Goods/Services Rec'd.
Date Invoice Forwarded to FBIHQ
Date Invoice Returned to Vendor
Date Corrected Invoice Rec'd.

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Date 4/22/93

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (58A-MM-62892)
 (Attn: SSA [REDACTED] PUBLIC
 CORRUPTION UNIT, ROOM 3841)

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FROM : SAC, MIAMI (58A-MM-62892) (P) (PC-1)

SUBJECT : RONALD H. BROWN,
 AKA RON BROWN;
 UNITED STATES
 SECRETARY OF COMMERCE;
 CORRUPTION OF FEDERAL PUBLIC
 OFFICIALS - EXECUTIVE BRANCH;
 HOBBS ACT - EXTORTION;
 OO: MM

RE Miami teletype to the Director dated 3/27/93.

Enclosed are the original and one copy of a Federal
 Grand Jury Subpoena served on [REDACTED]

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The purpose of this communication is to apprise the Bureau of pertinent developments in captioned investigation since March 27, 1993 and to provide the enclosed executed grand jury subpoena for return of service.

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As directed by the Bureau, Miami has temporarily discontinued active investigation of this matter. When authorized by the Bureau, Miami is prepared to conduct interviews and set all leads necessary to verify the CW's allegations.

Memorandum



To : SAC, MIAMI (58A-MM-62892) (P) (PC-1) Date 4/22/93

From : SA [REDACTED]

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Subject: RONALD H. BROWN;
CFPO-EXECUTIVE;
HOBBS ACT;
OO: MM

[REDACTED] The purpose of this memo is to request payment of [REDACTED] (includes \$3.00 bank money order fee) in [REDACTED] line charges. These lines are being utilized to maintain pen register equipment associated with captioned matter.

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Date Invoice Rec'd.
Date Goods/Services Rec'd.
Date Invoice Forwarded to FBIHQ
Date Invoice Returned to Vendor
Date Corrected Invoice Rec'd.

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Miami, Florida 33159
May 6, 1993



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Dear Sir:

This is to advise that the Trap & Trace on the below
listed telephone number(s) should be discontinued:



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Sincerely yours,

Andrew J. Duffin
Special Agent In Charge

By:



Supervisory Special Agent

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2 - Addressee

③ - Miami

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(1 - 66-4582)

(1 - SA [redacted])

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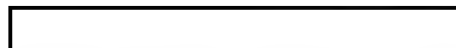
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Andrew J. Duffin
Special Agent In Charge

By:



Supervisory Special Agent

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③ - Miami

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☐ AIRTEL

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☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

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☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
☐ UNCLAS E F T O
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Date 5/6/93

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (66-19235)
(ATTN: TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION,
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT UNIT)

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (66-4490)

SUBJECT : PEN REGISTER USAGE

In accordance with MIOG, Part II, Section 10-10.7,
the following pen register information is being furnished.



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④ - Miami

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(1-SA [redacted])

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Date 5/6/93

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (66-19235)
(ATTENTION: TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION,
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT UNIT)

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (66-4582)

SUBJECT : TRAP & TRACE USAGE

In accordance with MIOG, Part II, Section 10-10.7,
the following trap/trace information is being furnished.



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Miami, Florida 33159
May 6, 1993



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Dear Sir:

This is to advise that the below-listed leased
circuit(s) and 1FB's on corresponding target telephone and
address should be terminated on the respective date(s):

<u>TARGETS</u> <u>TELEPHONE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>LEASED</u> <u>CIRCUITS</u>	<u>DATE OF</u> <u>DISCONNECT</u>
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It is further requested that the Trap and Traces
associated with the above numbers aslo be discontinued.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Duffin
Special Agent in Charge

By: 
Supervisory Special Agent

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Date 5/25/93

FM FBI MIAMI (58A-MM-62892) (PC-1) (C)

TO DIRECTOR FBI/IMMEDIATE/

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CITE: //3460//

PASS: WHITE COLLAR CRIME SECTION, PUBLIC CORRUPTION UNIT, SSA

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SUBJECT: RONALD H. BROWN, AKA RON BROWN, UNITED STATES
 SECRETARY OF COMMERCE; CORRUPTION OF FEDERAL PUBLIC
 OFFICIALS - EXECUTIVE BRANCH; HOBBS ACT - EXTORTION; OO:MM.

RE MIAMI AIRTEL TO THE DIRECTOR DATED APRIL 22, 1993 AND
 TELCALL FROM SSA TO MIAMI ON MAY 25, 1993.

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AS NOTED IN REFERENCED AIRTEL AND AS DIRECTED BY THE
 BUREAU, MIAMI DISCONTINUED ACTIVE INVESTIGATION OF THIS MATTER
 AS OF APRIL 22, 1993.

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AS DISCUSSED IN REFERENCED TELCALL BETWEEN SSA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], FBIHQ, AND SSA [REDACTED] MIAMI DIVISION, ON
MAY 9, 1993, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE
DIVISION, FBIHQ, DIRECTED THAT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION IN
CAPTIONED MATTER BE CLOSED.

THEREFORE MIAMI IS CLOSING THIS MATTER WITH THIS
COMMUNICATION.

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L. A. Potts

4/30/93

Mr. Verinder

RONALD BROWN,
AKA RON BROWN;
UNITED STATES
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE;
CORRUPTION OF FEDERAL PUBLIC
OFFICIALS - EXECUTIVE BRANCH;
HOBBS ACT - EXTORTION;
OO: MIAMI (58A-MM-62892)

PURPOSE: To provide a review of captioned investigation and request authority to close this matter.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Assistant Director authorize the closing of captioned matter.

DETAILS: On 2/20/93, Miami Division received information from a reliable informant indicating Secretary Brown might be involved in accepting illegal payments [redacted] Miami identified and interviewed [redacted]

[redacted]

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 - 1 - Mr. [redacted]
 - 1 - Mr. Verinder
 - 1 - Mr. [redacted]
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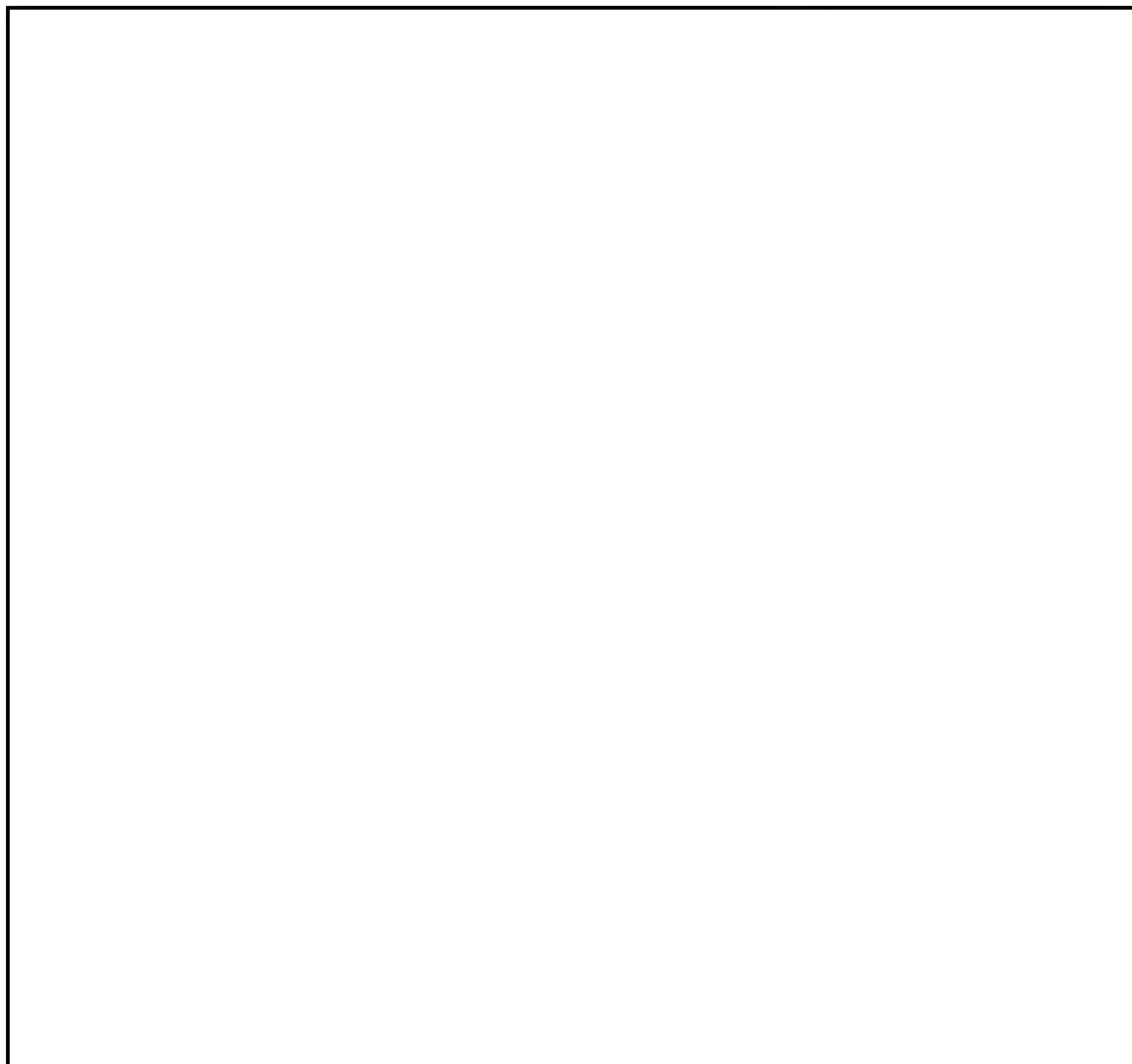
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Re: Ronald Brown, AKA Ron Brown; United States Secretary of
Commerce; Corruption of Federal Public Officials - Executive
Branch; Hobbs Act - Extortion; OO: Miami



debriefed regarding this information and provided the following
details.



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Commerce; Corruption of Federal Public Officials - Executive
Branch; Hobbs Act - Extortion; OO: Miami

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was afforded a polygraph examination
regarding information he provided [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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In addition to the above investigation, Federal grand
jury subpoenas were issued [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Investigation to date has failed to document any
direct link between [REDACTED] and Brown.

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Commerce; Corruption of Federal Public Officials - Executive
Branch; Hobbs Act - Extortion; OO: Miami

Further investigation into this matter would require a
direct approach [redacted]

[redacted] The likelihood of
success of such an approach is believed to be minimal and risks
exposing this entire investigation. Based on the limited
positive information developed to date, and the lack of a
reasonable expectation of achieving evidence through overt

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investigation, further investigation is no longer justified.
Miami will continue to maintain contact with the cooperating
witness and monitor [redacted] If any
positive information is developed or an opportunity arises for
additional covert investigation, authority to re-open this matter
will be requested. At this time, however, it is recommended that
captioned matter be closed.

Media inquiry into this matter has been minimal with
questions being posed exclusively to the U.S. Attorney's Office
in the Southern District of Florida. The USAO has not commented
on the matter, and it appears that media interest has dissolved.
No inquiries have been directed toward the FBI.

The Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section
(DOJ, PIS), has been kept fully apprised of the details of this
investigation. Based on the facts and investigation conducted to
date, DOJ, PIS, concurs with the recommendation to close this
matter. Based on your approval, a confirming letter will be
forwarded to DOJ.

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TO FBI MIAM (58A-MM-62892)/IMMEDIATE/

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SUBJECT: RONALD H. BROWN, AKA RON BROWN, UNITED STATES SECRETARY
OF COMMERCE; CORRUPTION OF FEDERAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS - EXECUTIVE
BRANCH; HOBBS ACT - EXTORTION; OO: MIAMI.

REBUTELCAL BETWEEN SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT (SSA) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PUBLIC CORRUPTION UNIT (PCU), AND SSA [REDACTED] MIAMI

ON 5/26/93.

BASED ON A REQUEST FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ),
MIAMI IS REQUESTED TO RE-OPEN CAPTIONED MATTER AS A PRELIMINARY
INQUIRY. AS DISCUSSED IN REFERENCE PHONE CONVERSATION, MIAMI

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SSA [REDACTED]
advised on 5/27/93,
3:10 pm. not to Re-0218
until further notice!
SS
5/26/93

Received on
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SHOULD MAKE IMMEDIATE ARRANGEMENTS TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

*Revised to Houston
set 6/8/93*

[REDACTED] MIAMI SHOULD COORDINATE LOCATING AND

INTERVIEWING [REDACTED] WITH FBI HOUSTON. FURTHER INVESTIGATION WILL

BE DETERMINED BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

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THIS INVESTIGATION IS CONSIDERED HIGHLY SENSITIVE AND SHOULD
BE DISCUSSED STRICTLY ON A NEED TO KNOW BASIS. NUMEROUS MEDIA
INQUIRIES HAVE ATTEMPTED TO CONFIRM THIS INVESTIGATION. THE ONLY
RESPONSE TO ANY MEDIA INQUIRES SHOULD BE TO NEITHER CONFIRM NOR
DENY THE EXISTENCE OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

ALL INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH THE
PUBLIC CORRUPTION UNIT, SSA [REDACTED] EXTENSION 5701.

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FBI HEADQUARTERS
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
WHITE-COLLAR CRIMES SECTION
FAX NUMBER: (202) 324-6492

PRECEDENCE: _____

TO: SAC, Miami ~~Att~~ SSA. 

DATE: 5/25/93

FROM: FBIHQ PCU

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 6/3/93

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] was contacted at his place of business [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]
After being advised of the nature of the interview, he provided
the following information:

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Investigation on 6/3/93 at [redacted] File # 58A-MM-62892-102
by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] Date dictated 6/3/93

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Memorandum



To : SAC, MIAMI (58A-MM-62892) (PC-1) (P) Date 6/10/93

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject: ✓ RONALD H. BROWN, aka
Ron Brown,
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE;
CFPO - EXECUTIVE BRANCH;
HOBBS ACT - EXTORTION;
OO:MM

SAC authority is requested for telephonic consensual monitoring and recording of conversations of [redacted] and any other unknown individuals associated in captioned matter for a period of 60 days.

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The above consenting party is willing to testify in court in furtherance of above monitoring and has provided written consent.

Assistant Attorney General [redacted] Public Integrity Section, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, concurs in the use of this technique. No entrapment is involved in the use of this technique.

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SSA's Approval [redacted]

Andrew J. Buffum

SAC Approval

6/4/93

Oral Approval Granted

Date

6/11/93

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Date

BY [redacted]

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Date 6/14/93

FM FBI MIAMI (58A-MM-62892) (PC-1) (P)

TO FBI LOS ANGELES/PRIORITY/

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CITE: //3460//

PASS: SSA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: ✓ RONALD H. BROWN, AKA RON BROWN; UNITED STATES
 SECRETARY OF COMMERCE; CORRUPTION OF FEDERAL PUBLIC
 OFFICIALS - EXECUTIVE BRANCH; HOBBS ACT - EXTORTION; OO: MM.

FOR INFORMATION OF LOS ANGELES, CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION
 INVOLVES ALLEGATIONS THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEGOTIATED AN EXCLUSIVE LOBBYING CONTRACT FOR RONALD H.
 BROWN'S LAW FIRM [REDACTED]

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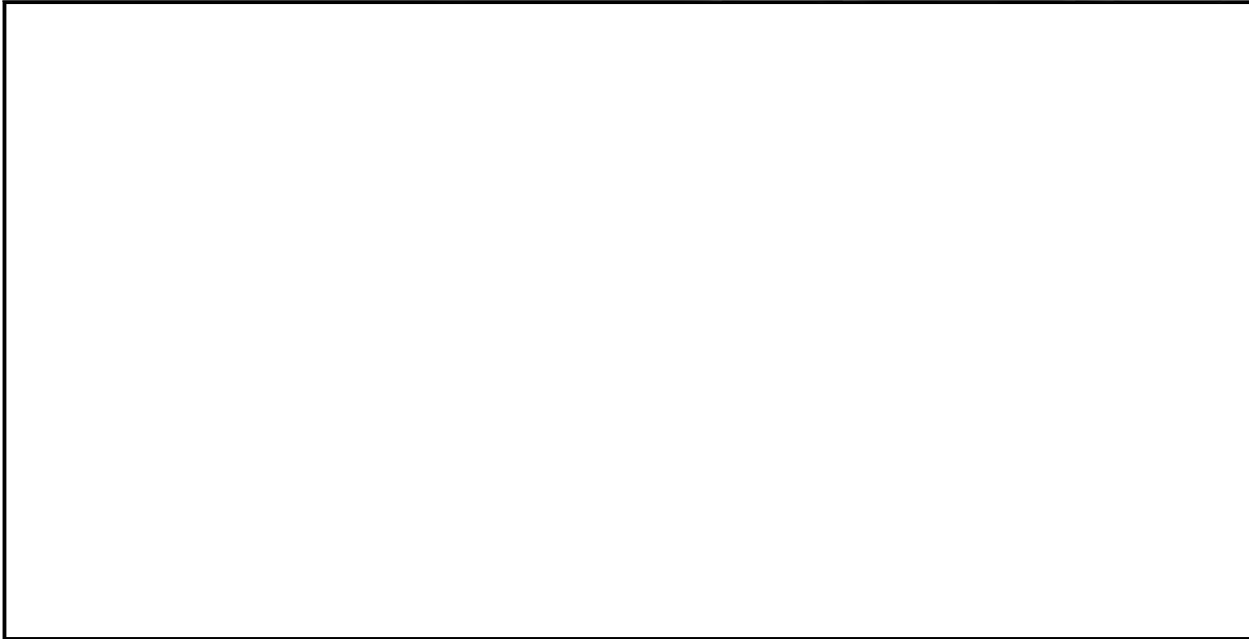
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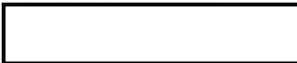
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ON JUNE 2, 1993, SPECIAL AGENTS [REDACTED] MIAMI
DIVISION AND [REDACTED] WMFO TRAVELED TO LOS ANGELES TO
INTERVIEW [REDACTED]



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[REDACTED] ALSO AGREED TO COOPERATE WITH THE FBI AND MADE
A CONSENSUALLY RECORDED TELEPHONE CALL [REDACTED]



LOS ANGELES DIVISION AT SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

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LOS ANGELES IS REQUESTED TO CONTINUE TO ASSIST MIAMI IN

[REDACTED] AND TO
COORDINATE THE MAKING OF THESE CALLS WITH MIAMI. THE PURPOSE
OF THOSE CALLS WILL [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAC AUTHORITY FOR TELEPHONIC
CONSENSUAL RECORDING WAS GRANTED BY SAC, MIAMI [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VERBAL AUTHORITY WAS GRANTED BY MIAMI ASAC [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LOS ANGELES SHOULD FORWARD ALL
ORIGINAL TAPE RECORDINGS TO MIAMI FOR MAINTENANCE. QUESTIONS
REGARDING THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO SA

[REDACTED] MIAMI TELEPHONE NUMBER (305) 787-6457.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND LEAD INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

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